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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Thomas

SUBJECT : JCS Intelligence Objectives

1. We understand that DIA has started work on JSOP Annex A, Part I, (JCS Intelligence Objectives & Priorities) for submission by the JCS to the Secretary of Defense during June-July 1972.

2. In March you requested and I furnished some tentative comments on an initial proposed list of Objectives as [redacted] DIA, had then identified them and as they might appear in JSOP Annex A. I have heard nothing since that time. My memorandum of 30 March 72 expressed the hope that we in IC/DSG could be involved in the process of considering possible topics and language, in order not to be faced later this year with possible overlaps, inconsistencies, and different ways of using targeting terminology, which could make it difficult to relate resource slices to the JSOP targeting/objectives vocabulary.

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3. I believe you plan to review DCID 1/2 this fall. We would like to be of maximum assistance in this effort. We all recognize that it would be desirable for the CIRIS target structure for next year (CY 1973) to be compatible with both DCID 1/2 and the JCS Objectives if we are to have the capability to display the relationship of resources to objectives with validity.

4. I have refrained from making contact at this time with [redacted] because I believe you should be the focal point for work on this general problem. We would be willing to work directly with him, however, if you thought that would be constructive within whatever limits you lay down. The purpose of this memorandum is to request your thoughts as to the most satisfactory way for all of us to proceed. We do have time for the next few weeks to do some work on this subject but once the CIRIS-72 submits come in from Defense, we will be largely occupied with them throughout July, August, and September.

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5. Please advise.

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